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DATE: November 18, 2014

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care and Waiver)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Marketplace Choice Plan Update-CoOpportunity Transition

EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2014

Effective December 1, 2014, CoOpportunity Health will withdraw and no longer participate in the Iowa Marketplace Choice Plan. Beginning December 1, 2014, current CoOpportunity members will be automatically transitioned and covered through the Iowa Wellness Plan. Members will be able to see any participating Iowa Medicaid provider, and will not be assigned a patient manager at this time.

Current CoOpportunity members will receive prescription drug coverage through CoOpportunity through the end of the month. Members will receive enough doses of medications to last until November 30, 2014.

As members transition, it is important to note that there are differences in CoOpportunity's prescription drug formulary and the Iowa Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL). Members who need prescriptions refilled beginning December 1, 2014, will encounter three different scenarios:

1. Be able to stay on the same medication, or
2. May need to switch to an IME preferred medication, and/or
3. May need a prior authorization (PA) to have the prescription filled.

It will be important for prescribing providers to review the [Iowa Medicaid PDL](#)¹ to guide member access to appropriate, covered medications. Please work with current patients to verify that the medication does not require a PA by Iowa Medicaid.

For additional information on the CoOpportunity transition, please access the [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ https://www.iowamedicaidpdl.com/preferred_drug_lists